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Shipping.

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3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Ma-Tau-Kok.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Jubilee Lodge.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Lightning undelivered after 2 p.m. this date landed.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, September 5.—

Goods per Salvo undelivered before Noon subject to rent.

THURSDAY, September 6.—

Goods per Ruthven undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, September 7.—

Goods per Clyde not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

Goods per Hope undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, September 8.—

Notices by Contributing Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., required before this date.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory.

On the 2nd at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen slightly on the E. coast of China.

falling a little in the Southern Philippines.

Pressure remains high over the China coast and Pacific, with a slight gradient of E. winds on the coast and in the S. part of the China Sea. Barometer—Light Breeze.

## Exchange.

Hongkong, September 3, 1900.

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Credits, 4 ... 2.00

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On Bombay—

On demand, ... 152¢

On Calcutta—

On demand, ... 152¢

On Singapore—

On demand, ... 152¢

On Manila—

On demand, ... 2 1/2 p.m.

On Shanghai—

On demand, ... 71 1/2

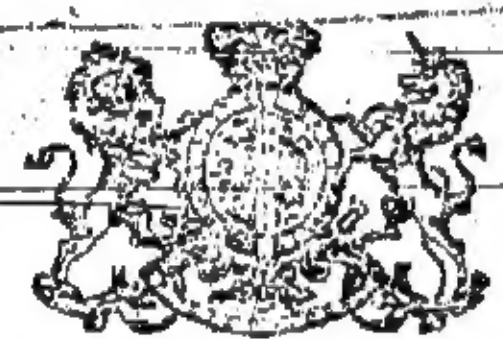
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On demand, ... 1 1/2 p.m.

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael), ... \$51.50

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate), ... \$9.80

Silver (per oz.), ... 28 1/2



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At West Hongkew, Shanghai, on the 28th August, the wife of Major James CHAMBERLAIN, of a Daughter.

At 35, North Scotch Road, Shanghai, on the 27th August, the wife of the Rev. H. BARTON, O.M.S., of a Daughter.

DEATH.

At Kobe, on the 26th August, JAMES, the beloved wife of Sam Wakefield; aged 38 years.

The publication of this issue commences at 4.55 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1900.

The British Government has published its correspondence with Sir Claude Macdonald, and has put the public in possession of the facts relating to the insurrectionary movement in North China, and anti-foreign movement in North China, as observed from Peking by the British Minister to China. For many years, the British Legation has had the unenviable reputation of being the worst-informed of all the foreign legations at Peking, and the correspondence now submitted to public view would seem to justify the stigma.

In its way it is symptomatic of the English character. The average British official, schooled to self-restraint officially, is seldom, if ever, an alarmist. Rather the reverse, from the Foreign Office point of view, nothing is more condemnable in its representatives abroad than the tendency to take alarm at what it regards as periodical eruptions of native races, and we have good reason to know that the Consul in China who ventured to requisition a gunboat whenever the natives of his district exhibited hostile spirit towards foreigners was liable to be set down as a timid alarmist and an unmitigated nuisance. By reason of its own action, therefore, the Foreign Office compelled Sir Claude Macdonald to an optimism which, in his heart, that gentleman perhaps did not entertain. He was hopeful to the last because it was his duty to be hopeful; his optimism was the reflex of the British official attitude when confronted by a grave danger. The Foreign Office was anxious to shut its eyes to the signs of the times; the Legations were sceptical. At its inception, the 'Boxer' movement was fully described by the Shanghai correspondent of the China Mail, who, from observations on the spot, movement was evident enough. In a private covering letter to one of his last communications, he wrote that he had done his best to warn the public of the approaching wave of rapine and destruction, and that his letter might serve as a buoy to mark the place where he and his friends were down. The ignorance that existed at Peking with reference to the real character and dimensions of the 'Boxer' movement until it hit the storm burst in all its awful hideousness, is perhaps excusable if allowance is made for what was termed in Hongkong and Shanghai the 'Peking atmosphere' through which the Ministers and those who surround them are compelled to look upon social phenomena in China. They refuse to accept the warnings of missionaries and newspapers, sources of information that are from their point of view, vitiated and unreliable. Missionaries, unlike trained diplomats, are not capable of judicial observation of current events; newspapers are only too ready to publish the sensational. There had been so many false alarms that this seemed, on the face of it, to be only a reiteration of the cry of 'Wolf! It is easy enough to be wise after the event, of course, and the satisfaction that is derived from assuming the role of the 'I-told-you-so' critic is small indeed, but it is impossible to stifle the feeling of regret that the warning given by Mr. Favier to M. Pichon, and through the French Minister to the assembled diplomats, was not accepted at its true worth and made the basis of precautionary action on behalf of the foreigners copped up in Peking, or distributed in small, isolated parties throughout the disturbed region.

What the public is more concerned with now is the future policy of the Powers towards China. This question is at last in the arena of practical politics, forced into urgency by the Chinese themselves. After the outrage of Peking, the Powers can no longer debate themselves with the fiction that China is 'governed' in the loosest use of the word, by the so-called Central Authority at Peking. China is rotten from stage to end. It is now in the eruptive stage, and awaits ending or mending. It must either be restored to health or allowed to die. Restoring to health means reformation—reformation at Peking, reformation in the Provinces, and reformation according to Western ideas. Death means the end of the Chinese Empire as a World Power; for the 'Boxer' will go upon the dissecting table. Baron von Ketteler, the murdered German Minister, evidently had a very clear conception of the situation at Peking, when, a few weeks before his death, he said: 'It is utterly useless either to expect the Chinese Government to do anything effective or to take any action ourselves—such as bringing up goods—based on the belief that Government can remain stable or on the desire

to assist in propping up its crumbling structure.' As it existed, shortly before the attack on the Legations and the full revelation of the anti-foreign character of the Boxers and the high Chinese officials who gave the movement their countenance and support, and as it has existed for very many years, it is the opinion of most foreigners in China, the Chinese Government was, for all practical purposes, a figment of the imagination. It was the best the Chinese had, but what a best! International negotiations must be conducted through some recognized channel of authority, and so the Tsung-li Yamen and the Council of Ministers at Peking have been accepted by the Western Powers as representative of Chinese Government; but the repeated and flagrant disregard of diplomatic agreements and the insolent arrogation of treaty rights when it suited the Chinese themselves, ought to have convinced the Powers long ago that the utter worthlessness of any negotiations conducted at Peking. The crowning outrage at the metropolis, the British massacre in the provinces, the cunning and duplicity of the officials and the helplessness of the recognised Authorities to control the horror of their own raising, these palpable facts must compel the Powers to abandon their old-time policy towards China and hasten the work of reform consistently advocated in Hongkong and by the Foreign Press in China.

There is a danger that the Powers will shrink from the task self-interest and expediency forces upon them. Its apparent magnitude might well appal them. One leading newspaper in England, referring to the late Baron von Ketteler's diagnosis, may be quoted as representing the views of a section of the British Press on the new situation. It says, 'The alternative of assisting to prop up the crumbling structure of Chinese Government opens up possibilities so vast and dangerous and burdens so manifold that the work cannot be lightly undertaken—or even spoken about.' This would be an unpardonable mistake. It cannot be argued fairly from the present turbulent condition of China that order cannot be evolved from chaos. On the whole, the Chinese are an easily-governed race. We have examples of this in Hongkong and Singapore and in the French Colonies, and there is, therefore, no valid reason for believing that under a wise, liberal and righteous administration the Chinese could not only rival the Japanese but rapidly outstrip them in the utilisation of the material advantages of Western civilisation. As we have said on other occasions, the most serious danger to the Chinese is the lack of confidence in their own Government. The opportunity of reviving the German Kaiser has sent forth his legions to wage a war of vengeance beyond mere retribution for his murdered Minister, and the reported deliverance of Baron von Ketteler on the situation might be read as an indication that Germany refused any longer to withhold her hand from deliberate annexation; France, we know, is anxious to acquire more territory in Kwangtung and the Western Provinces. On the other hand, the United States Government has declared voluntarily against annexation on its own part, and is not likely to regard favourably annexation on the part of other Powers; Great Britain does not hunger after territory in China, but may be forced to join in the scramble to safeguard her own great commercial interests; and we do not suppose Japan will let the opportunity pass to obtain some more substantial foothold on the mainland than her shadowy pre-eminence in Korean politics appears to give her at present. Italy, Austria and the Netherlands, in the event of a partition, would surely claim reward for their assistance at Tientsin and Peking. Annexation, we fear, would lead to international ill-will—possibly something more serious.

The only safe policy is to be found in an agreement among the Foreign Powers to establish a well-balanced International Board of Control having for its object the reconstruction of the whole Imperial fabric of China upon a new basis, as has been sketched by Lord Charles Bessford and other recent writers on the China question. Here, the chief stumbling block is the flimsy and mandarin class—the officials and expectant officials; but once the masses of the people are convinced that the Powers have no sinister or selfish designs, and intend to rule the country for the general welfare, we are convinced no serious opposition would be offered, at any rate, no opposition that could not be dealt with effectively and quickly by a well-organised executive at Peking. On the whole, apart from the possibility of dissension among the Powers, the future of China inspires us with hope rather than fear.

The third ordinary meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held this afternoon. The Chairman of Directors, Hon. J. J. Kewley, submitted the annual report which was approved. The Consulting Committee Hon. C. P. Chuter, R. M. Gray and Mr. A. H. Hunt were re-elected as was also Mr. W. H. Potts as auditor. A full report will appear to-morrow.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

There were 173 Europeans and 1,823 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending 2nd September.

The return of plague cases up to noon on the 3rd September showed that 2 fresh cases and 2 deaths occurred during the preceding 48 hours.

The Government Gazette notifies that Mr. H. P. Becker has been appointed Acting Director of Public Works and Water Authority during the absence on leave of Mr. R. D. Ormsby.

With respect to the Quarterly Meeting of Justices fixed for to-morrow, we are requested to state that, no applications for licences or renewals of licences having been received, the Court will not be held.

Some idea will be gained of the extensive nature of General Buller's operations in pursuit of Commandant Botha from the information published in an Australian exchange that the General's column extended over a breadth of 20 miles. With Lord Methuen at Venterkroon, the Welsh Fusiliers are mentioned as having shown great gallantry.

Death of Lieut. Campbell.

Lieutenant Charles Gray Campbell, of the Queen's Own Rajput, died at the Shanghai General Hospital on August 23.

The deceased belonged to the 4th Queen's Own Rajput, but was attached to the 2nd and on his way from Hongkong to Shanghai caught a severe cold which rapidly developed into pneumonia, with this fatal result. The funeral took place in the evening with full military honours.

A Bad Cure for Neuralgia.

Lucas Easton, who describes himself as a traveller, had a bad attack of neuralgia on Saturday night, which led him to go into the Hongkong Hotel and drink whisky till he did not know what he was about. It seems that, when he reached this stage he wanted to go into one of the private rooms of the Hotel. An Indian watchman, however, barred the way, and, as a reward, got a violent blow on the mouth. Mr. Easton was at the Magistrate's this morning, ordered to pay \$5, with the option of 14 days imprisonment.

A Dishonest Chair Coolie.

At the Magistrate's to-day, Lo Hai, chair coolie in the employ of Mr. Scott of Messrs. A. &amp; S. Watson and Company, was charged with stealing two boxes of cigars for his master. Near his wife's maid standing was a case containing some boxes of cigars and he was seen to extract therefrom two boxes and wrap them up in a handkerchief. He was at once given into custody, and Mr. Hazeland ordered him to be imprisoned for a month, with hard labour.

Dry Docks in the Philippines.

It appears that the American authorities have started the construction of a dry dock system in the Philippines. The Manila Times gives credit to Lieutenant Hobson for the initiation of this new enterprise. Lieutenant Hobson found in Subig Bay the most favourable opportunities for the construction of a dry dock and dry docks. At Olongapo excavations have already been made for four dry docks, the largest being 600 feet long and 50 feet wide; the smaller docks are 250 feet long and 30 feet wide (approximately). In the old Spanish days, a board of engineers had been convened to consider the building of a dock, and the workmen on the present undertaking are using a set of chains and mast masts which were left by the Spaniards.

The Soldier and the Rickshaw Coolies.







